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NOTICES

This is to notify all the churches on the Lake Wales, Fla. district that our district convention will convene Feb. 9-11 at Frostproof, Fla. Brother E. W. Williams, our state overseer, will be in charge. We expect all the ministers, deacons, Sunday School and Y. P. E. officials to be present and as many of the laity as can come. We believe that God is going to meet with us there. Don't forget to pray earnestly for the success of this convention. Come on Lake Wales district and let's you and I do our best for God this year. Dinner will be spread at the church on Sunday. Come and bring a well filled basket.—L. R. Alderman, district pastor.

To whom it may concern: Through a mistake the name of Everet O. Kerce was left out of the list of Evangelists in the last Minutes. This brother is in good standing, makes regular reports to Headquarters and is faithful otherwise. We regret this and assure him that it was only a mistake which we gladly correct.—Gen. Secretary-Treasurer.

The Ft. Myers District Convention of the Church of God will convene at Labelle, Fla., beginning Friday night Feb. 2, thru the 4th. We expect a good delegation from the other churches on the district and we especially insist that the pastors, officials and leaders of the various churches be there. Come praying that God will be with us in this convention in a great way, and that this will be the greatest convention ever held on the district. The State Overseer will be in charge, and we are expecting some visiting ministers to be present.—P. W. Cieser, District Overseer.

To the ministers and churches in the State of Texas: You ministers remember that the Assembly adopted the plan of forty cents per member to lift the general indebtedness at Headquarters. Now pastors, please explain this to your churches and raise the equivalent amount of forty cents per member. Come on, Texas, and let's go over the top with this and get another mountain into the sea. Remember that every church that pays their quota one hundred per cent will be hereafter relieved of this present burden of debt at Headquarters. Some of our churches have already paid their quota and surely no pastor or church wants to be called a slacker. If your brother pastor can get up his quota you can too. I want you to also remember your Mission day, and take a special offering on that day for Missions. Your humble brother.—J. C. Coats, Box 285, Weatherford, Tex.

To whom it may concern: F. W. Gammon has been excluded from the church

in Norfolk, Va. Charges, erroneous teaching.—Clerk, Elizabeth Ebron.

To the Church of God in West Virginia: Greetings in the name of Jesus! I take this method of notifying the churches that Brother Carl Carder, Box 1003, Clarksburg, W. Va. has been appointed Assistant State Supt. of the Young People's Endeavor, and Brother E. E. Winters, Pine Grove, W. Va. has been appointed State Sunday School Superintendent. These brethren will be glad to help out in any way that you need their help. Also, everyone please do your best on the forty cent drive. I am sure every loyal member is interested in this matter, and wants to see this drive a complete success. Every pastor should do his best to get every member to pay their forty cents as soon as possible, and whatever is lacking, because of members that cannot be found, could be raised by having a home coming, or rally day, and getting your friends to help you pay that amount. I am sure this can be put over at an early date if all will do their best, so please let everyone do his best. Can we depend on YOU?—H. N. Scoggins, Overseer of West Virginia.

On the first Saturday night in February we will have conference at the Church at Calhoun, Ga. and ask all members to be present.—L. P. Shaw, pastor, 605 S. Wall St., Calhoun, Ga.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS FOR ILLINOIS

1. East Alton district, Feb. 2-4.
2. Christopher, Feb. 9-11.
3. Eldorado, Feb. 16-18.
4. Lawrenceville, Feb. 23-25.
5. Urbana, March 9-11.

We wish to ask the cooperation of each district pastor by them arranging their

program in accordance with these dates, and mail me a copy of same. Please advertise these conventions well in your respective districts. These conventions will be held at the places that may be agreed upon by the district pastors, with their sub-pastors; however, I believe I shall suggest the places these be held and if not satisfactory, the district pastors may let us know and the change can be made to suit.

East Alton convention to be at East Alton, C. W. Florence, overseer.

Christopher convention to be at Benton, Z. D. Simpson, overseer.

Eldorado convention to be at Eldorado, J. P. Hughes, overseer.

Lawrenceville convention to be at Lawrenceville, Tony Ford, overseer.

Urbana convention to be at Urbana, Stanley Joplin, overseer.

We insist on all ministers, deacons, and as many of the laity in each district as possible, to attend these conventions as it might be a help to you. Come praying the Lord to help us in our efforts, and do not forget the 40c per member drive, as the Assembly ruled that each member pay 40c and that would pay off the indebtedness and relieve each member, as well as the local church, of further obligation for the present indebtedness. I also insist that each pastor see that each church makes up the amount of mission money that the Assembly has ruled that it should pay, which is five per cent of the amount of tithes paid into the local church. Fifty per cent of this amount is to be sent to Headquarters and the other to the state treasurer.

These conventions are to begin at 7:00 p. m. on the first day named and close at 4:00 p. m. on the last day named. Don't fail to call me if I can be of service.—T. L. McLain, overseer of Illinois.

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The Last Days of Charles Darwin

EDITOR'S NOTE

Through the courtesy of James M. Gray, Editor of Moody Monthly, we are furnishing our readers with a correspondence relative to the last days of Darwin. Darwin, as he embraced the theory of evolution in his earlier days, set aside the idea of God as a creator. Evolution as a theory has long been exploded by the disagreement of scientists concerning the possibility of it. Scarcely any of them now agree with Darwin's views, however, the greatest blow that evolution has ever suffered since Darwin was a pioneer of that theory is the fact that he confessed faith in Christ and embraced Him as a personal Savior. Such a confession annulled all his work of former years in which he built up this theory of evolution and confirms the story of the creation in Genesis.

THE Monthly for June, 1932, contained a brief article with the above caption reprinted from the Christian Evangelist, being a report of a visit of Lady Hope to Mr. Darwin, related by her in Northfield, Mass. As she told the story, she was asked to go and sit with him, whom she found propped up with pillows in his bed and a Bible in his hand.

"What are you reading now?" she asked.

"Hebrews," he answered, "still Hebrews; the royal book, I call it."

"He placed his fingers on some passages and commented on them."

She referred to the strong opinions expressed by many on the history of creation and their treatment of the first chapters of Genesis, at which Mr. Darwin seemed distressed. His fingers twitched nervously, and a look of agony came on his face, as he replied: "I was a young man with unformed ideas. I threw out queries, suggestions, wondering all the time over everything, and to my astonishment the ideas took like wild-fire. People made a religion of them."

Then he paused, and after speaking of the holiness of God and the grandeur of "this Book," looking at the Bible he was holding all the time, he suddenly said:

"Lady Hope, I have a summer house in

the garden which holds about thirty people. It is over there," pointing to an open window. "I want you very much to speak there. I know you read the Bible in the village. Tomorrow afternoon I should like the servants on the place, and some tenants, and a few of the neighbors to gather there. Will you speak to them?"

"What should I speak about?"

"Christ Jesus," he replied in a clear emphatic voice, adding in a lower tone, "and His salvation. Is not that the best theme? And then I want you to sing with them."

"The look of brightness and animation on his face as he said this I shall never forget," said Lady Hope, "for he added, 'If you take this meeting at three o'clock, this window will be open, and you will know that I am joining in the singing.'"

II.

In January, 1933, six months after the foregoing was published, we received a communication from the general secretary of the Rationalist Press Association, of London, saying that there was "no substance in the report of Lady Hope that Darwin became a believer in Christianity in his last days," and asking us to correct it "in the interests of truth." He also enclosed a leaflet dealing with the subject, a reprint of an article in the Literary Guide for January, 1916, entitled, "Was Darwin a Christian?" This article had no name signed to it, but its author referred to Lady Hope's story as idyllic and mythical, balancing his argument on the word "unlikely." He thought it unlikely that a person of Lady Hope's views should have been "asked" to sit by the bedside of Darwin. Unlikely that the great naturalist should have been pouring over the book of Hebrews, or that he should call it the "royal book." Unlikely that he should have been "greatly distressed" at having the "unformed ideas" of earlier years recalled. The least likely that he "asked the lady to collect an audience in his summer house and speak to them of Jesus Christ." There were more serious difficulties also. We quote:

Darwin was not "almost bedridden for some months before he died." In June and July, 1881, he spent a holiday of five

weeks in the Lake district. After his return to Downe he was able to do a good deal of work of a trying character (investigating the action of carbonate of ammonia on roots and leaves, and therefore open air work), while on December 13 he paid a week's visit to his daughter in London. During the winter he had several heart attacks, but continued to get about, and only two days before his death, on April 19, 1882, recorded the progress of an experiment on which his son Francis was engaged. These particulars are extracted from the biography of Darwin by his son. Obviously they leave no room for Lady Hope's romance.

Then follows what the author of the leaflet considered a more categorical denial of Lady Hope's story, namely, a letter from Sir Francis, a son of Charles Darwin, written in response to a communication from the Rationalist Press Association.

December 5, 1916

Dear Sir:

I have already seen Lady Hope's account of my father and his religious views, and have written to the editor of the *Watchman-Examiner* denying the genuineness of her statements.

Neither I nor any member of my family have any knowledge of Lady Hope or of her visits to Downe. And in what she writes there is internal evidence that her statements cannot possibly be true.

My father could not have become actively and openly Christian without the knowledge of his family. And, in fact, no such change occurred. His account of his religious views, published in the *Life and Letters of Charles Darwin*, shows him to have been an agnostic, and there is not the slightest reason to believe that he changed his views after writing the autobiography.

Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS DARWIN.

III.

Our readers will be able to form their own conclusions as to the value of the foregoing denial, but they may be helped by the following extract from a letter addressed to me:

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overseer of Illinois.

The Church of God at Largo, Fla. would like to know the spiritual condition and whereabouts of Louise Lacey, last heard of somewhere in Georgia. If not heard from before April 1st conference, your name will be dropped.—R. M. Meares, clerk, Rt. 2, Box 181, Clearwater, Fla.

Inasmuch as it has pleased our dear General Overseer and the brethren to appoint us as overseer of Kansas, we thank them very kindly. Kansas is a great state and truly there is room for many laborers and a great work. We thank the Lord for the ministers who are with us and also for all the good saints. All are filled with courage and good hope and are looking forward for a great harvest of souls and the coming of the Lord. The Lord gave us a few souls in our Pittsburgh revival, with five new members added to the church, that is, two were reinstated.

We welcome any Church of God minister who will cooperate with us as those who are now here do. You will find it necessary to trust the Lord alone unless you have a special appointment, then we may by His help be able to help you. We will say also, if any good clean minister who is seeking the whole truth comes our way we will treat you with courtesy for we ourselves were once seeking a more perfect way. Any one wishing to write me, please notice my address is changed from 1207 W. 7th St. to 1512 N. Grand St., Pittsburgh, Kans.—D. K. Murphy, overseer of Kansas.

To the C. of G. Y. P. E. of West Virginia: Inasmuch as I have been appointed by Brother H. N. Scoggins, state overseer, to assist him as state superintendent of the C. of G. Y. P. E., I wish to say first that I trust we shall have 100 per cent cooperation in this great work and go over the top in West Virginia for the Y. P. E.: First, the cooperation of the pastors; next, the presidents, officials of the Y. P. E., and its members. Our desire is to stir a state-wide interest and bring the Y. P. E. to the front in this State, by holding two state conventions: one in the southern part of the state and one in the northern part. The places will be announced thru the Evangel later.

ORGANIZATION WORK

We trust each church will endeavor to organize the Y. P. E. where possible, and that an offering be lifted in each service and placed in the Y. P. E. treasury for its work, which should not be less than \$1.00 per month, or more, and that one-tenth of this amount be sent to the state secretary and treasurer, Miss Toots Waters of Pine Grove, W. Va., as tithes. This is to be used for the state correspondence and the state convention work if necessary. Out of each local Y. P. E. treasury we would advise if possible to send \$1.00 to Alda B. Harrison, 504 W. Main St., Jonesboro, Tenn., for a roll of twelve copies of our

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Notes from The Editor

Do not be without this weekly messenger. It will bring you many messages of comfort and cheer which, after you have read, you can pass on to your next door neighbor or some one who needs the Gospel message. Do not let your subscription expire, and please remember that single subscriptions are \$1.25 and not \$1.00 unless in clubs of three yearly subscriptions.

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they are gone. Order of Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn.

MINUTES! MINUTES! MINUTES!

Never before have we sold so many Minutes. At the end of last year we had about four hundred copies left on hand. We printed the same amount this year and our stock is entirely exhausted. We are now holding orders for about two hundred and we will have a reprint ready sometime next week and will fill these orders as soon as possible.

There is only one reason why we sold so many, and that is that it tells of the greatest gathering that ever occurred in the city of Cleveland, Tenn. known as the General Assembly of the Church of God where a mammoth crowd, of possibly between nine and twelve thousand from first to last, surged their way into the Auditorium for a glimpse of God's presence and blessings upon and among His people. Every minister should have a copy, every clerk a copy, and everybody else who is interested in the Church of God and its teachings, rules and regulations. Price, 35c per copy, \$3.50 per dozen.

NOTICES

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The Church of God at Winnsboro, S. C. wishes to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Mrs. Annie Windum. If not heard from by next conference her name will be dropped from the church roll. Conference will be about the last of February.—C. M. Hickerson, House No. 512, Winnsboro, S. C.

To all the Sunday Schools in Illinois: I hereby give notice that on Dec. 30, 1933 Brother Marion Joplin of Benton, Ill. was duly appointed Sunday School Superintendent for the State of Illinois for the year 1934. Please get in touch with him at once at Benton, Ill.—T. L. McLain.

WIZARD WELLS

H. G. Wells, the famous novel writer, tries his hand at prognostication in his new book just published. He gives us a time table of the future—listen to this fiction prophet:—"1934, general invasion of China by Japan; 1935, Tokio bombed in 'Retaliation' raids; 1937, Naval War—U. S. vs. Japan; 1939, Japan loses 1,900,000 in disastrous retreat from China; 1940, War—Germany vs. Poland; 1943, France enters conflicts; Second World War starts; 1949, 'Peace of Exhaustion' arranged; 1955, Raid of the Germs destroys half of world population; 1960, Disruption of U.S. as a nation; 1965, Basra Conference, Air Dictatorship established; 1968, Land-slip destroys London; 1978, World State organized."—Latter Rain Evangel.

If God Had His Way

By E. C. CLARK, Editor

INTRODUCTION: It shall be our purpose in this article to contrast the present apostasy caused by man's way, with God's way regarding our redemption.

MAN'S WAY

1. He departs from the faith, 1 Thess. 4:1.
2. He denies "the Lord that bought" him, 2 Pet. 2:1.
3. He loves himself, 2 Tim. 3:2.
4. He has a form of godliness, 2 Tim. 3:5.
5. He denies the power of God.

Man is responsible for the present declension and delinquencies that confront the Christian church. It is the creature that has "departed from the faith," for which we are commanded to "earnestly contend" Jude 3. After having set sail for other ports than the haven of God, he denies both God and His Christ who has purchased redemption for mankind, by the blood of His cross. Having departed from God by departing from and denying the faith and redeeming power of His grace, we next find him self-centered, and his affection set upon "self" and earthly things. Hence, if he finds that conditions are not safe around him, he will seek his own remedy and methods of deliverance; consequently he, like Antichrist who sets up the "abomination of desolation in the holy place" (Matt. 24:15), will set up some "form of godliness," yet a mere form. Lastly, in an effort to justify himself, he denies "the power" of God. Such action on the part of man is responsible for the evil portents that are everywhere indicative.

TRIBULATION JUDGMENTS

The tribulation to such is an inevitable conclusion of God, in and through which He deals with man. The results are simple and deductive. God purposes that because of "soothsayers like the Philistines, who please themselves in the children of strangers, that 'the lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of man shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon everyone that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low.'" Isa. 2:6-12.

THE WAY GOD DEALS WITH APOSTASY

The portrait of the apostate church, which includes all forms of false religious worship, is shown in Revelation 17th chapter as a HARLOT "holding a golden cup in her hand, full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication." When her cup is full judgment immediately follows, Rev. 19:2; 14:15; Gen. 15:16. There is no remedy for apostasy but judgment. This is true concerning Israel in the Old

Testament. It will be no less true of the apostasy of both church and nations. Therefore, it follows that God acclaims judgment before hand. Isaiah speaks of the tribulations as a time of judgment when "all hands shall be faint, and every man's heart shall melt. And they shall be afraid; pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth; they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames. Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and he shall destroy the sinners out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine (Matt. 24:29; Acts 2:20; Rev. 6:12). And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible." Isa. 13:7-11. "For when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants will learn righteousness" Isa. 26:9. Therefore, the Lord warns, "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble" (Joel 2:1). "For the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land," Hos. 4:1. The denial of the incarnation of the Son of God, and the mitigation of what is the true meaning and inspired thought of the Holy Scriptures, by those who are teachers or laymen, emboldens the unsaved world to remain unsaved and to plunge further into sin and shame. Consequently man's way must be superseded by God's way which through mercy has provided to set aside the severity of judgment if mankind will but repent.

GOD'S PROVISION

God has provided a way of escape thru repentance, therefore, He calls for universal repentance. Joel 2:12-17; Acts 17:30. The prophecy in Joel describes conditions under which Israel may receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit after they have returned to their own land. This promise is yet future, though embraced as the basis of the out-poured Spirit on the day of Pentecost, by St. Peter. What was particularly fulfilled at Pentecost, was that God had poured out His Spirit upon the Church which was to be made up of all nations, and described in Joel 2:28 by these words: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." Peter has singled out or dissected this promise in Acts 2:39 by stating that "the promise is unto you (Jews) and to your children (Jews) and to all that are afar off (Gen-

tiles) even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (whether Jews or Gentiles), all may alike receive the promised Holy Spirit.

GOD IS FAITHFUL

God is keeping faith with His sinful creation. He ever continues to pour out His blessings upon them when they will come repenting and confessing their sins. There is no indication that God intended to limit or to mitigate the blessings of Pentecost. Jesus promised that the Comforter would "abide with you for ever" or for the age. As the Aaronic priesthood was inherited by his sons, even so was the Baptism of the Comforter given to the apostles from our Lord Jesus Christ, inherited by claim of promise to all His followers during the "age." There was no thought on the part of God that He would withdraw the promised Comforter which descended upon the church at Pentecost. Peter carefully guarded any such idea in his address given on that day; wherein he has assured us of a continuation of it down to, and even though I will cross others' views in this statement, he promised it right on through the tribulation itself. The general accepted idea is that the Holy Spirit will be taken away with the raptured saints. This is both true and false. As far as its general and restraining presence through the church, it will be taken away; but that others may still receive it is certain. Peter's prophecy in Acts 2:17 interprets it thus: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." "And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath: blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come; and it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." The outpouring of the Holy Spirit will still continue after the rapture of the church, otherwise none could be saved during the awful period mentioned in Acts 2:19-21.

Let me ask who are the souls under the altar mentioned under the fifth seal? and how and when did they get there, except they were slain by Antichrist during the tribulation? and how could they have gotten saved if there was no Holy Spirit in the earth to regenerate them and aid in their new birth? That the tribulation is a time of judgments it is true, but it is also a time of preaching the gospel, and especially by the Jews. Was the gospel ever preached without the aid of the Holy Spirit? If it was, would it not cease to be "the power of God unto salvation?" Rom. 1:16. How do the 144,000 Jews, mentioned in Revelation 7:4; 14:1, become possessed of a sealing without the Holy Spirit? Eph. 1:13. There is, however, one fact that tribulation converts will have a much harder time to find God than men do who seek Him now. But whole-hearted seeking will be rewarded.

The apostasy, the tribulation, and its

judgments are brought upon mankind by his departure from the offered mercies of God. It could be even prevented if men and women who constitute the church and the unsaved would but come to the spiritual standards of the early church. So far as I am able to discern, I find not the slightest evidence on the part of God that present day conditions are in any sense chargeable to His lack of provision, interest in man, or faithfulness unto him.

THE WILLINGNESS AND READINESS OF GOD

When the waiting disciples had obeyed the command of the Lord Jesus Christ in waiting in Jerusalem (Luke 24:49), God, in harmony with a previously arranged and divine plan, met them right on the spot. They were commanded to "tarry" or wait. It is better rendered "wait," by sitting down. With this accord the fulfillment of the promise. The Holy Spirit "filled all the house where they were sitting." The evidence points to the fact that they were "sitting," an actual fulfillment of the command to "wait for the promise." They were keeping date with God, Acts 1:4. It is true that "prayer and supplication" had preceded their "sitting," and here is the cause of our failure. As of old, we need to continue with "prayer and supplication" before we expect God to meet us.

OUR SUBJECT

When we chose the subject "If God had His way," we were particularly impress-

ed with the readiness of God to meet the needs and desires of His people. At Pentecost He met and satisfied them, possibly in an unexpected manner. At the household of Cornelius, "While Peter spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word," Acts 2:44. "While Peter spake." No hard wrestling there; it might have preceded his address. The text is suggestive of how willingly Christ meets and satisfies the needs of His people. While they listened the hand of faith reached out and believed and accepted the gospel of Christ; and the gift of the Holy Ghost was the answer to a believing heart in satisfying its desires. The same is true of the disciples at Ephesus; immediately after Paul had laid hands upon them, "the Holy Ghost came upon them."

CONCLUSION

We may expect a continuation of the blessings of Pentecost if we wait for them by claiming the promise and keeping faith with God. Acts 2:4 is our example for such expectation. Acts 10:44 presents us with the results of a hearing heart or congregation. At Pentecost all were filled who waited. At the household of Cornelius all were filled who heard. In Acts 19:6 all were filled upon whom the apostle laid hands. If God had His way He would fill every vessel "pressed down, and shaken together, and running over." Luke 6:38.

The Church of God

By M. L. LOWE

Inasmuch as there is so much confusion over what the church is and where it is (among numerous believers), we will endeavor by the grace and help of God to set forth a few things that we hope will be a blessing to others as it has been to us.

WHAT THE CHURCH IS

Paul writes Timothy, 1 Tim. 3:15, "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." We also quote from a Bible Encyclopedia, "The Church is a religious assembly selected and CALLED OUT of the world, by the doctrine of the gospel, to worship the true God ACCORDING TO HIS WORD." Also notice St. Luke 4:4, where Jesus told Satan, "It is written. That man shall not live by bread alone, but by EVERY WORD of God." Now if I were to stop right here without commenting, I'm sure it would be enough to convince you of what the church is. (1) Jesus said we must live by every word, (not part of the Bible) but the whole Bible rightly divided as He says in 2 Tim. 2:15. (2) Paul says (by divine inspiration), 1 Tim. 3:15, "It is the pillar

and ground of the truth." (3) Bible Encyclopedia says, "Worship God ACCORDING TO HIS WORD." What could be plainer?

Now that we must worship according to His Word, also support or uphold all the Truth (a pillar is a support, or that which upholds), and live by every Word it remains that we are coming short of the standard of the Bible Church if we don't support the Truth. (1) We wish to call your attention to some of the most essential parts of the doctrine, which, if adhered to and practiced, make us the Church.

JUSTIFICATION

The Bible teaches "Justification" or, the born again experience. Matt. 1:21; Rom. 5:1; St. John 3:5; 2 Cor. 5:17; Matt. 3:23; 1 John 1:9 tell how to get the experience we have mentioned.

SANCTIFICATION

Heb. 13:12; St. John 17:17, and others teach the wonderful reality of sanctification. Jesus in St. John 17 was praying for His own, who had previous to this time been converted through faith in the blood that was to be spilt. But they needed another work of grace in their hearts, hence the second. He sanctified Himself.

Inasmuch as sanctification has a twofold meaning, setting apart and cleansing, He consecrated Himself for the death of the cross that they (disciples) might be sanctified or cleansed.

THE HOLY GHOST

There is nothing plainer in Scripture than the Spirit Baptism and the evidence. After Jesus said, while on the cross, that the plan of salvation was finished, it was possible for men to be saved and sanctified. But in St. John 16:7 He said He would have to go away in order to send the Holy Ghost, proving that He is not a part of our salvation, but the third person in the Trinity comes to live in us. John 15:26 says, "When he is come he will testify of me" (Jesus). Acts 2:4; 10:46; Acts 19:6 proved this true. He testifies by taking the believer's vocal organs and speaking through them in other or new tongues. Mark 16:17.

OTHER PROMINENT DOCTRINE

Time will not permit us to go into details concerning the remainder of the doctrine of the Bible, so we will briefly give Scripture. Mal. 3 teaches tithing and giving for this gospel age, beginning with John the Baptist in the first verse and concluding with the Gospel age in verse 17, when He comes for His jewels (Rapture).

Feet washing is biblical, St. John 13, also 1 Tim. 5:10. Water baptism, also is biblical. See Matt. 3:6, 16, 17; Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16; St. John 3:23 (much water) He needed MUCH for immersion. Most all believers acknowledge that the Lord's Supper is scriptural. Matt. 26:26; St. Luke 22:16, 18.

THE NAME

Now that we have considered some of the doctrine, and that the most prominent, notice description of this great army in Songs of Solomon 6:9, 10. What name did God give for His Church? Let us consider the "NAME", Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore (a warning to elders) unto yourselves and to the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." 1 Cor. 1:2; 1 Cor. 10:32; 1 Cor. 11:22; 15:9; 11:16; 2 Cor. 1:1; Gal. 1:13; 1 Tim. 3:5; 1 Thess. 2:14.

HOW WE GET IN

Does God's Bible teach that the Church is a visible, literal organization? Isa. 62:1-5 speaks of Zion (the Church of God -- Webster) being called by a new name, the foregoing. Also the fifth verse says, "As a young man marryeth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee" (Zion, or the Church). What makes man and wife one? The marriage vow and covenant. We get into the Church (or marry) the same way by taking a covenant, or being added according to Acts 2:47; Acts 5:14; Eph. 5:30, 33. I joined or was added by obligating myself to abide by every Word, and support the Truth, even to obeying them that have the rule over me. Heb. 13:7, 17.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Bishops, 1 Tim. 3:17; Titus 1:5.

Deacons, 1 Tim. 3:8.

Evangelists, 2 Tim. 4:5.

HOW WE GET OUT

Then if we have to be added, how do we get out of the Church? By "excommunication," Matt. 18:15, 17; 1 Cor. 5; 2 Thess. 3:6.

CONCLUSION

Let me say that God likens His Church to a building, 1 Cor. 3:9. Now, beloved, since we are God's building, it remains that we have been framed together, Eph. 2:21, 22, **FRAMED TOGETHER, OR ADDED.** We might have our material on

the plot ready to erect, or frame a building, but would you call it a building? No indeed. So it is with unorganized people of God; they are good material (many of them), but they need to be framed together to make a building that will be a shelter in time of storm. Many good people who have been redeemed but disown organization say they belong to the Church of God. Yes, if you have been redeemed that certainly is where you belong (for the church is a home for the saved). Why don't you come where you belong? Remember, if we want to be the Church in its entirety, we will have to preach, practice, and support the whole Truth. May God bless you. Amen.

OF DAYS'—as the Biblical phrase has it—to rule in righteousness and justice. However in the popular sense he was and still is to be **THE HEAVEN SENT REDEEMER**, to lead Israel out of exile to a glorious future in the land of the Father. "Then again we have the inspiring prophecies of a Messianic era, when, they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain. When, the nations shall not learn war any more. When, the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea." Thus a Jewish writer writing to Jews, pictures the present national aspirations of the Jews.

The passion to possess the land of promise has continued to burn in the heart of the Jew. The quotations above cited, outline what has happened, and what is about to happen to this chosen race, in some points perhaps more completely than they themselves yet realize. They are being prepared and mobilized for the final fulfillment of the prophecy pertaining to their nation. That God has promised that the Jew shall return to his own land is a fact of which the Zionists are fully aware. Other facts, also stated in the report above quoted; that is, that Messiah is to be, "a **HEAVEN SENT redeemer**," and that he will, "appear to save his people **AT A CRITICAL TIME**" are not given their full significance in Zionist plans.

Zionism - -

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

A development of the present century, rich in prophetic significance, is the movement of the Jew back to his ancient homeland. Zionism, as this movement is called, aims at the reestablishment of Israel as a nation, in the land of Abrahamic promise. The name 'Zionism' as connected with the desire of the Jews to return to Palestine was first used in 1886. It was in the year 1897 that, Zionism, as a definite movement to regain Palestine for the Jews, was officially and politically organized. Among the Gentile nations for near two centuries, the Israelites have been bearing the chastisement laid upon them for forsaking the right ways of the Lord. The Zionists are the agents of the Jewish people in the regeneration of Palestine.

Long before the dispersion, the sacred writings bore a clear testimony of the penalty awaiting the sons of Israel, if they would not heed the voice of God. In Deuteronomy (1451 B. C.) chapter 28. The Lord pronounced a warning, which as witnessed by subsequent history, the Jews did not regard. "If thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and do all his commandments and his statutes, V. 15—the Lord shall cause thee to be—removed into all the kingdoms of the earth, V. 25—and thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb and a by word among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee." V. 37. Verses 64 to 66 further declare, "The Lord shall **SCATTER THEE AMONG ALL PEOPLE**, from one end of the earth unto the other;—among these nations shalt thou find no ease—but the Lord shall give thee a trembling heart, and failing of eyes and sorrow of mind—and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee."

While it is not possible to exactly compute the Jewish population of the world, the official report published by the Zionist Conference in 1920 says, "Practically **EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD** has its settlement of Jews": British Isles 263,000; France 100,000; Italy 34,300;

Netherlands 106,300; Germany 615,000; Austria-Hungary 2,258,000. There are more than 3,000,000 Jews in the United States, of whom about one and one half million are concentrated in the one city of New York. All the countries in North and South America have some Jews. Even Morocco and China have Jews. God did what He said He would do about scattering the Jews among all nations.

But **SCATTERING** the Jews is not ALL that God said He would do. He further declared (Isa. 54:7) "with great mercy will I **GATHER** thee." "Fear not thou, oh my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will save thee **FROM A FAR OFF** and thy seed **FROM THE LAND OF THEIR CAPTIVITY**—I will not make a full end of thee but **CORRECT THEE IN MEASURE**." Jer. 46:27, 28. In the dispersion God is dealing with the Israelites as 'sons'. (Heb. 12:7 and 8). The dispersion is a chastisement, not an everlasting rejection. The gathering will be no less complete than the scattering.

Zionist reports disclose that the Jews are not blind to the cause of their national calamity and the promise that God has made to regather them. The following quotation is taken directly from "A Guide to Zionism," as authorized by the Zionist Organization of America. "The Jews today believe and repeat in their prayer that they were **BANISHED** from the land **BECAUSE THEY WERE UNWORTHY**. They also believe and repeat that their exile is a **PUNISHMENT** and a **DISCIPLINE**, and that they are at last to **RETURN** to Jerusalem with singing, and to Zion with everlasting joy. Then will all nations accept the yoke of the Lord, and walk in his ways."

Further quoting, "Guide to Zionism," "The Messiah was at times conceived as an individual, a descendant of David, 'Mashiah ben David Avdeha', who would appear to save the people **AT A CRITICAL TIME**. In another conception, he was to be a model king who would re-ascend the throne of David. **'AT THE END**

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SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

PAINT FORK, N. C.—The Church of God at Paint Fork is coming to the front. We are having good services and good Sunday School and everything is moving on good. God is blessing. We are going to do our best for God this year if Jesus tarries. Pray for us. We mean to visit the homes and pray with the people and try to get them to God. Pray for the church here.—Mrs. John Maney.

DETROIT, Mich.—We praise the Lord for sending Brother and Sister D. G. Phillips into our midst for the coming year. The saints have been revived and the church is going ahead. On Dec. 15 six new members were added to the church. Please remember us here in Michigan. Pray that God will have His way and pour out His Holy Spirit upon us. Pray that sinners may be brought in. Let us, like Paul, press on toward the mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus.—Yours in the Master's service, Mabel Atwood, 2436 Stanley Ave.

RULO, Neb.—We have just closed a wonderful revival which lasted three weeks here in a nice little Holiness Church of Christ. This is a very wicked little town of about 800 population, second to the oldest town in Nebraska. This is a new field for the Church of God but people are hungry for the truth. We saw eight souls gloriously saved, four or five sanctified, and one brother came all the way from Nebraska City and received the precious Holy Ghost. We have a nice little church which seats about 300 and it was well packed most every night. We are having services two nights a week and still having good crowds. The Spirit of God is in every service. We organized a Sunday School which is slowly progressing. We covet the earnest prayers of all the saints everywhere for a great ingathering of souls and that a church may be set in order here.—George M. Bates.

MOUNT VIEW, Jam. B.W.I.—We had our dear Elder Hudson and Brother Shaw with us on Dec. 2. A baptismal service was held on the third and twelve followed the Lord in water baptism. Sixteen were added to the church and many are looking this way. If any one in our state needs a revival see Elder Hudson and Brother Shaw at Gratham. They give out the Word under the inspiration of the Spirit so that the lost see their need of Jesus. They are loved by everybody. Pray that they will keep true.—C. A. McIntosh, pastor.

Our revival closed Dec. 10 with the Lord's Supper. The Holy Ghost surely did work thru the meeting. Ten were saved, six sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. We thank the Lord that

Brother John L. Stephens, our state overseer brought Brother Atkins to run the revival. We thank Him for each blessing received and we hope it won't be long until we have another revival. God surely answered prayer. Brother Dell pastor.—Mrs. Jessie Grice.

RUTLEDGE, Ala.—We have just closed a few days' revival here at Cookstand. Our pastor at Pigeon Creek, Ala., Brother A. W. Mills, did the preaching, which was wonderful. Nine were saved, five sanctified and three baptized with the Holy Ghost. Brother Mills and family are loved at the Church of God at Pigeon Creek. He is doing good work there. Pray for me and the work here.—A brother in Christ, M. S. Boswell.

SIMMONS, Tex.—I truly thank the Lord for the five nights Brother Smithers and family were with us here. Many became interested during the short stay they were here. We all learned to love them better.—E. E. Malone.

BANNING, Ga.—We thank God for good old time salvation. We had feet washing at the Church of God here Dec. 18. We had Brother Griffith, Brother O'Kelley, Brother Scott and Brother Feltman, our pastor, with us. We had a wonderful time.—A brother and sister in Christ, Joe Gresham and wife.

BRINDLEY'S CHAPEL, Cookeville, Tenn.—Brother Carl E. Richard came here Nov. 27 and began preaching the truth. The church seemed to be just about ready to give up in despair when he came but he preached with so much love that we could not help but feel revived by the time the three week's meeting closed. Two were saved and one sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. On the last Saturday night we had communion and feet washing and a great outpouring of the Spirit. All the saints had a wonderful time and went away feeling good. Please pray that God will send us a good pastor and that the good revival spirit will continue in the community.—A sister, Mrs. Florence Carter, clerk.

CLINCHFIELD, Va.—I have just closed a few days' meeting on Sandy Ridge and the Lord surely blessed. I went there twice of late and had a few days' meeting. Two were saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and I set a church in order with eight members. We also have a place there to worship God.

We also set a church in order at Davenport, Va. with eleven members. I was there for a few meetings and found a real good band of saints. We are now on foot for a new church house there.

I visited Duty recently and found the dear saints on fire for God. I made a start to build a new church house there

and those people have real zeal to build. I believe God is moving in these places and the people have gone to work so pray for us that God will help us build these two churches soon. We want to get them ready by spring. Thank God, He woke our district up.—Your brother, H. O. Kirk, district overseer.

JASONVILLE, Ind.—We are in a revival at the new church just set in order in October. Somewhere around thirty have been saved, about twenty-six sanctified, about twenty-three filled with the Holy Ghost and God is still blessing. On Christmas Eve ten were filled with the Holy Ghost.—Fred Puckett.

ROCKMART, Ga.—On Saturday night, Dec. 23, we had a wonderful time here. Brother J. F. Brown set a church in order with seven members. We are truly thanking God for the Church of God at Rockmart. This is a new field and we want the saints everywhere to pray much for us and that lots of good will be done here.—Your brother in Jesus, C. N. O'Kelley, clerk.

GLEN ST. MARY, Fla.—I thank the Lord for the way He is blessing His humble children in this community. We have just closed a ten days' meeting six or eight miles north of Sanderson with Brother Paul Taylor in charge. He preached some interesting sermons. Conviction seized sinners and the altar was filled. One was saved and others blessed. The saints were strengthened. Good crowds attended nearly every night and the meeting closed with several in the altar. There are good prospects for another revival soon. If any one feels led to come this way, you would be welcomed. Pray for us.—A humble sister, Katie Dugger.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va.—A very successful revival was started by the writer assisted by Brother Barer for ten days, after which Brother G. H. Goins was in charge for eighteen days longer. Sixteen were converted, seven sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church. We were glad to have Brother Goins for the revival. We recalled the good times we enjoyed in B. T. S. He made many friends while here and the church and friends extend him a hearty welcome back any time.—C. G. Carder, pastor, Box 1003.

ERWIN, Tenn.—We have just closed a five and one-half weeks' revival with our pastor, Brother Jones, in charge. He is a good shepherd and the church is on fire for the Lord. The saints are in love and unity. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. About two nights Brother Jones didn't get to preach. The altar was full every night. Fifteen were saved, nine sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, eight baptized in water, and nineteen added to the church; two preachers were in the number. The Lord surely is blessing

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Dear Evangel reader:

We are delighted to express our appreciation to the local Y. P. E's. for their cooperation in behalf of the Bible School.

The following includes the amount sent in up to Jan. 1, 1934. We have heard from several Y. P. E's. since the first. This report will be published later.

Possibly you would be interested to learn that we have twenty-six states represented and our entire enrollment this term is two hundred ten: one hundred thirty-five high school, commercial and regular students; seventy-five musical normal and evening students. Of course some have had to go home because of the lack of finance, but we still have a large group of splendid students.

We are looking forward to be able to render the best musical program for the closing exercise we have ever given yet, so begin now to make preparation to attend.

DONATIONS

Lenoir, N. C. \$1.40; Manatee, Fla. \$2.00; Gastonia, N. C. \$3.00; Waycross, Ga. \$1.57; Homerville, Ga. \$1.00; E. Chattanooga, Tenn. \$1.79; Christopher, Ill. \$2.00; Marked Tree, Ark. 63c; Kanapolis, N. C. \$1.48; Manns Choice, Pa. 70c; Boswell, Pa. 60c; Wicham, W. Va. 42c; Winstboro, S. C. 50c; Cleveland, Tenn. \$4.76; Clearwater, Fla. \$3.25; Coconut Grove, Fla. \$1.00; Hattiesburg, Miss. \$5.30; Morgantown, Miss. \$6.14; Weatherford, Tex. \$6.69. — Total \$44.23.

B. T. S.

Week before last we were privileged to have Brother D. R. Moreland and daughters from Cumberland, Md. with us. On New Year's morning Brother Moreland addressed the student body at the regular chapel services and the girls sang. They were en route to Alabama to take up their work in the mission field. Our prayers, which go with them, are that God may bless them.

B. T. S.

STREET SERVICE

Due to the fact that the weather did not permit street service last Saturday, Jan. 6th, there will be no street service report this week.—R. E. Lovell, reporter.

B. T. S.

PROPHECY CLASS

The Prophecy Class is still on the upward move. The subjects are becoming more interesting than ever. Saying that

we enjoy the class would be putting it mild.

With half of the school term gone, we realize that half of the time for our Prophecy Class is gone, and with time passing so fast the other half will soon be in history. We must then get out on the battlefield to fight for God and the right. Those times are when these things are going to be essential. Pray for the Prophecy Class and the students that we might grasp God's truths to be able to explain it to others and defend the Gospel.—R. E. Lovell, reporter.

B. T. S.

THE EXTENDED TIME

The old year passed away,
The new year is at hand,
Time is passing by,
It came to every land.

God's great clock keeps moving,
It keeps time around the globe,
As we think of God's great blessings,
It fills us with new hope.

As we look the past year thru,
And see where we've been blessed,
Then we can truly say
The Mighty One knows best.

If we see where we have failed,
To walk the given line,
We can only thank our Lord,
For this extended time.

Our Lord is good 'tis true,
For the time that He does give,
For us to right our pathway,
And the right way search to live.

Now let's thank our God and Father,
For this wonderful new year,
That we can still rejoice,
And bless His name so dear.

Let's hope that we may live,
This year a better life,
For our Savior and Redeemer,
And higher aim to strive.

Let's hope that we may learn,
To trust our Savior dear,
And let Him lead the way,
And have Him ever near.

The hope we have in Him
Fills us with light aglow,
As we follow His dear Word,

In this sinful world below.

As we see our hope and light,
Comes from above, and so
Let's leave this world behind,
As heavenward we go.

Albert W. Picker, S. Dak.

HE NEVER FAILS

Dear brothers and sisters, greetings in Jesus' name. I like to read the good testimonies of the brothers and sisters from all over the land. The dear old Evangel is real encouragement to me. I like to read of the good work going on in other places and in foreign fields. It surely makes me feel happy to read how the dear Y. P. E's. are rising and shining for Jesus. I do praise God for the Evangel and the helps and encouragements I get from its pages.

I am saved, sanctified and the sweet Holy Ghost abides in my soul. The dear Lord has healed my body of what the doctors said was appendicitis, ulcers of the stomach, and a bad case of liver trouble and I have been sound and well for over a year now. Praise God's holy name! He also cured me of the tobacco habit. My husband and I both used it and the Lord cured us. Hallelujah! We take Him for our Healer. We have not taken one drop of medicine or home remedies of any kind for over a year and we have never gotten along so well in all our lives. If one gets sick we just call on the dear Lord in faith believing, and He never fails. Praise His Holy name!

My husband is saved and is seeking sanctification and the Holy Ghost. He wants you to pray for him. My husband, one son, and I belong to the great Church of God. We want to live true to its teachings and want to live so close to Jesus that we will be ready at all times to do just what He may call on us to do and be ready to meet Him when He comes.

We ask the prayers of God's people for the church at this place that it will rise and shine for Jesus. We are having awful battles to fight but we know the Lord is with us, and when God is for us, who can be against us? Praise His name. Pray that we may all be overcomers for Christ's sake. We are a crowd of workers who believe in practising what we preach and we think if any one cannot practise it they ought not preach it. Pray for us.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Dolly Nine, St. George, W. Va., Rt. 2.

❖ Sunday School Lesson ❖

STANDARDS OF THE KINGDOM

Lesson 4—January 28

Text: Matt. 5:1-12, 43-48.

Memory Verse: Psa. 27:11a.

Time: Summer of A. D. 28.

Place: A hill in Galilee.

Golden Text: Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.—Matt. 5:8.

Leading Thought: If we would be Christians, we must be Christlike.

LESSON VERSE BY VERSE

CHRIST ADDRESSING THE MULTITUDES

V. 1. "And seeing the multitudes." Great multitudes were following Him, attracted by His miracles of healing and because of their needed instruction. In divine truth the Sermon on the Mount follows. "He went up into a mountain." Tradition has it, the Kurn Hattin or Horns of Hattin, a two peaked hill about sixty feet high near the center of the west coast of Galilee two or three miles from the sea and perhaps seven miles south of Capernaum. "And when he was set." There was a large, level place suitable for considerable audience. "His disciples came unto him." The twelve whom He had just chosen.

V. 2. "And he opened his mouth." "A Hebraicism indicating that the words spoken are not the utterance of chance but a set will and purpose." "And taught them." The meaning of the lesson is that God is our Father and He instructs us as children.

V. 3. "Saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit." The poor in spirit are described not as recipients of blessings from God or even from men, but as possessors of happiness for which man was created. We may be beggars in spirit, depending entirely upon God, and still be happy. "For theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The first Beatitude is the sum and substance of the whole sermon. Poverty of spirit stands in contrast to self-sufficiency, Rev. 3:17. The Jews were not a good example of the poor in spirit. See Rom. 2:17, 20. Those who are in spiritual want may receive the unsearchable riches of Christ.

V. 4. "Blessed are they that mourn." No one appreciates mourning and sorrow as a door to greater joys and comfort. We all shrink from it until we have learned its blessedness in the school of Christ. See 2 Cor. 7:10. If we have no sorrow for sin we may not share the joys of its forgiveness. "For they shall be comforted." Comfort comes from the Latin word "fortis" meaning strong, and "con," together; i. e., made strong together, referring to Christian comfort and strength which comes thru fellowship with Christ. Our comforts may be only partial in this

life, Luke 2:25, but will be full in the kingdom of heaven, John 16:20-24.

V. 5. "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." "Meekness has two sides: its passive side, in which it bears with provocation, controls all feelings of irritation, and refuses to regard personal injury and wrong; and its active side, in which it strongly, bravely, kindly, sweetly,—still and throughout with total absence of the thought of self,—discharges toward men the duties which it owes to God."—Bishop George Moberly. If man will not take time and patience thru humility to subdue the obstacles that hinder and impede his spiritual progress in this life, he has no hope to reap more than thorns and thistles of this life and certainly none of inheriting life as a place to dwell. Meekness always enriches. Meekness is the attitude of the soul toward another when they are in a state of activity towards it. Meekness takes the position as a student before a teacher or a servant before his master when receiving instruction or orders.

V. 6. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." The application of the figure of eating and drinking of spiritual things, Luke 22:30, is not infrequent in the Old Testament; e. g., Isa. 55:1. There is progress in all the Beatitudes, starting with the poor in spirit who thru mourning and sorrow become meek, in which state they actually crave or thirst after righteousness. Physical hunger affects the body, mental hunger the mind, whereas those who hunger and thirst after righteousness do affect their soul. A merciful Father could not refuse to feed a hungry soul. Isa. 49:10; John 6:35; Rev. 7:16; Luke 1:53.

V. 7. "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." The reference is not so much as dealing harshly or inflicting punishment when due by sparing an animal or fellowman but it is an active kindness to the destitute and to any who are in trouble, Chap. 9:27; 15:22; 17:15; Mark 5:19; 1 John 3:17; James 2:16. Mercy originated from heaven. Those who display it carry out the law of God who judges us by the same law as it is written, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." See Matt. 18:20-35.

V. 8. "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." The holiness of God demands pureness of heart. Purity is the simple spring of heaven's laws. The unclean are bound by the darkness of sin while the pure in heart receive visions of light from Him who is Light.

V. 9. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." Christ is the Prince of Peace, Isa. 9:6. The herald angels sang at Bethlehem songs of peace on earth and good will toward men. Jesus said, "My peace I give unto you, peace I leave with you," John 14:27. "Follow after the things which

make for peace," Rom. 14:19. "Fruits of righteousness are sown in peace," James 3:18. "Follow peace with all men," Heb. 12:14. We are not to be peacelovers or peacetalkers but peacemakers. We are mediators of peace. It is a constructive task.

PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE

V. 10. "Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Those who are harassed, hunted, spoiled, used of wild beasts, pursued by hunters or of an enemy or malefactor in flight; those who have suffered the loss of all things like St. Paul, Phil. 3:8, shall inherit his reward mentioned in 2 Tim. 4:8.

V. 11. "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against ye falsely, for my sake." The blessedness of such a person as is here mentioned is that the persecution, reproach, and accusations are false. If you would endure such for Christ's sake He would reward you for your faithfulness to Him in time of testing, 1 Peter 2:20.

V. 12. "Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven." The Christian to rejoice in trial and conflict must have the joys of Christ within him. Christians are expected to be joyous and jubilant in Christ's salvation and this we know to be true, Acts 5:41. "For so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." For reference to their hardships reading of eleventh chapter of Hebrews would but strengthen one's faith and arm them for times of persecution. Christ has prepared for such a city and He Himself endured the cross for the joy that was set before Him, Heb. 12:2.

CHRIST REJECTS JEWISH TRADITION

Matt. 5:43-48

V. 43. "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor." The reference is to Leviticus 19. "And hate thine enemy." The latter clause was added by the rabbis. "Neighbor" originally meant a brother Jew or Israelite and an "enemy" any Gentile.

V. 44. "But I say unto you." Placing himself in opposition to the Jewish leaders of their day. "Love your enemies and pray for them that persecute you." The command enjoins that we be patient with an enemy and love him by interceding in his behalf, 1 Cor. 4:12; Rom. 12:14, 20. "Bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you." Such is the law by which Christ came to earth, Rom. 5:8.

V. 45. "That you may be the children of your Father which is in heaven." It requires no effort to love those who are kind and good to you but to love the unlovely and your enemies is placing us in line as some of our heavenly Father who so loved us that He gave His Son to die in our stead, John 3:16. "For he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." Both the just and the unjust are dependent upon God for their existence. It is particular in keeping with the

fact that God is love, that He should minister to their needs. His good children share His blessings justly, and the evil or unjust share them while God patiently waits on them to repent.

CHRISTIAN LOVE EXCELS

V. 46. "For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye?" We are indebted to love those who love us and it requires no grace and allows no room for the working of grace not to love those who do not love us. There can be no reward unless there is some expense or service rendered out of the ordinary or uncommon. "Do not even the publicans so"? That is a natural law and is an even exchange and leaves no place for reward.

NARROWNESS REBUKED

V. 47. "And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others"? The reference here is to the Oriental custom of a long and formal salutation in dismounting from the method of travel or unloading any baggage that a traveler might chance to have, then bowing, etc., involving perhaps thirty minutes time. Christ forbade His disciples to do this kind of a salute because of the time required, Luke 10:4. Jews and Gentiles alike practiced such a salutation. "Do not even the publicans so"?

V. 48. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." This can only refer to the perfection of love as to the entire perfection of God, it is impossible for human efforts to attain it. We may be holy as He is holy and pure in heart and perfect in love, but not so in our physical beings nor yet in our wisdom.

GOD GAVE THE INCREASE

When we returned from camp meeting our very efficient pastor, Brother Leon Thomas, suggested that we begin having home prayer meeting which we did. The first home prayer meeting was held June 13th. The power of God and the Holy Ghost came down and took charge in such a wonderful way until a revival started from the first service.

The second night two received the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. We knew then that we had a revival on and that the God of Israel was fighting the battle for us. And such a battle as it was, we have never seen. It was the mightiest battle ever fought and the greatest victory ever won at this place and the fight has been on here for about twenty-three years. The enemy worked in several ways to compel us to close the meeting but we won the victory and the revival continued forty-four days. We thank God who gave the increase for the wonderful victory. Twenty-eight were filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty-two baptized in water, sixteen added to the church and about half of those who received the Holy Ghost were new converts.

Brother Thomas and Brother Russell did the preaching for a few days, then Brother Thomas and Brother D. L. Franklin went out canvassing for an evangelist and returned with Brother Aaron



In Foreign Fields



GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

J. H. INGRAM, E. W. WILLIAMS, Mission Editors

All Material for this Department should be sent to E. C. Clark, Mission Secretary.

MISSIONS

Let us not forget during the new year the responsibility of the mission work. God is blessing in all those fields in which our missionaries are working, and their salaries must be paid regularly. Consequently, any let-up in offerings from the local churches will soon exhaust our funds here at Headquarters. This year bids fair to be the greatest year we have had in mission work.

BUILDING IN NASSAU

We had a liberal donation for the erection of a building in Nassau for a home for the local church and convention work on the islands. These islands are hungry for the Gospel. Brother W. E. Raney, their overseer, reports the work is going good in these islands.

BUILDING IN MEXICO

We have another substantial brick building erected at Nogales, Mex. not entirely completed but near enough to be used for worship. God is graciously working among the Mexican people and they are sadly in need of the Gospel. We have one very useful worker who is studying the language, hoping for an appointment from the Mission Board to work among the Mexican people. As I have so oftentimes repeated, if we are to offset the wide-spread of communism and other destructive forms of government, it can alone be done thru the spread of the Gospel which destroys such policies as those of communism, atheism, etc.

Keene and wife. This was a real blessing from God. Brother Keene surely is a true man of God, foursquare for the Church of God and its government. I have heard some of the best of God's preachers and he equalled any of them in his messages. I have never before seen a man especially anointed of God to preach as he was at every service for five weeks continually. Several times the Holy Ghost had complete charge for an hour at a time. Many messages were given by the Holy Ghost. One backslider was called by name and the Holy Ghost talked direct to him, warning him of the wrath of God and his condition. We truly thank God for the good blessings we received, and the good that was accomplished in this revival. We greatly appreciate the good work, advice, and encouragement of Brother Keene and his wife.

We also appreciate the good and efficient work our pastor and his family have done here the past Assembly year. He is as humble and devoted to God and His work as any man I ever knew. Every one please pray for the church here at

RESPONSIBILITY OF PASTORS

It will be impossible to have the local churches respond to the mission cause without the cooperation of the pastors of the churches. They are themselves the leaders of those flocks and it is hardly probably that they would attempt to do anything towards missions without the pastor's consent; and since he is the first active member of that body, he should set the example and encourage the spirit of mission work in his church.

We should not stop with less than the quota of five per cent of the tithes paid in by the local church, and if no tithes are paid there should be an offering taken. Many of the churches are using some form of missionary society, making and selling quilts, aprons, housedresses, etc. from which comes a reasonable profit which is turned over to the benefit of the mission cause.

Every member within the local church should be a worker in all the different departments of the church work and the pastor as a foreman of his church should see to it that everybody is put to work at something. A well-balanced effort within the local churches will produce a balanced missionary budget, be that mark or quota whatever it will. It is not that we are lacking in means, but in effort, and God has said, Work while it is called day, for the night cometh when no man can work. Let us respond generously and whole-heartedly to the mission cause.

Linden, Most are young people and they need prayer and encouragement to live for Jesus during these evil days of sin and unrighteousness. We have a good Y. P. E.

Pray especially for me that I will live in the center of God's will and do what He would have me do and win a home at the end of this life.—Humbly a servant of Jesus, W. D. Black, Linden, Fla.

CLEAR CREEK, Va.—I praise our King for the glorious revival which was held at the Ramsey Church of God beginning on Nov. 4 with the writer and Brother Belt Redmon in charge. It ran two weeks. One was saved, one reclaimed, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Many good saints from Norton, Va. were with us. We believe the church was revived and there was good unity and love one for another. We give God all the honor and glory. I hope to meet the dear saints of Ramsey again in the near future. I covet the prayers of God's praying people.—Your humble brother in the faith, Temple Frazier.

The Last Days of Charles Darwin

(Continued from page 3)

dressed to Dr. W. S. Manners, of San Leandro, Calif., by Rev. Stanley H. Frodsham, editor, the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo. It was sent to the Monthly by Dr. Manners without solicitation, and with permission to publish.

I used to go to hear Lady Hope when I was a child. She frequently came to Bournemouth where I lived. We loved to hear her and it was always an event when she came. I gather she spent her last days in Southern California where she wrote a series of articles for the *Sunday School Times*. These were so interesting that I republished some of them. As you know, Dr. Trumbull, of Philadelphia, is a careful editor, and I do not think he would have printed those articles if he had thought Lady Hope was unreliable.

I got my account of this from Ivan Panin's *Bible Numerics*. Panin went to great pains to investigate the evidence, and in several numbers of *Bible Numerics* he wrote at length concerning Lady Hope's statement which he felt was absolutely true.

Of course, it is only to be expected that Darwin's infidel children should deny that he turned to the Lord. But I understand that they were not living in England at this time, and so the testimony of Lady Hope, who lived close by Darwin, would be much more credible than that of his sons, who had not much to do with their father.

IV.

Bible Numerics referred to by Mr. Frodsham, deals with the subject in its editions of May-June and September-October, 1928.

We quote from the September-October edition, pages 3, 4 and 5:

The question whether Charles Darwin departed this life an agnostic or not, is now at last happily settled by the grace of God, and to the honor of truth by two unimpeachable witnesses: Sir Robert Anderson, knighted for his services as head of Scotland Yard; and Max Muller, professor at Oxford, received at Court, and of international repute.

On page 95 of *In Defence*, by Sir Robert Anderson, is a footnote as follows: "I may add that a friend of mine who was much with Darwin during his last illness, assures me that he expressed the greatest reverence for the Scriptures and bore testimony to their value."

An Anglican rector of the best standing, whose name, if needed, will presumably not be refused, writes to the editor:

"As to Darwin's deathbed: Miss G. C (full name in the original), of my congregation, tells me that as a girl of twenty she once dined alone at Oxford with Professor Max Muller. The conversation turned on evolution, and Max Muller told

her that his great and intimate friend Charles Darwin had spoken somewhat in these terms to him, that after publishing the theory of evolution he was very perplexed on its bearing on the Christian religion, that he turned to the Scriptures and became a firm Christian; the position is odd, as both his son and grandson would seem to deny his Christianity."

We now quote from the May-June edition of *Bible Numerics*, pages 27 to 29:

Until therefore aught more substantial than sheer franticity of speech is brought forward, the writer finds it needful to hold to the truth of what he has repeated after other reputables about Darwin's deathbed. But in his desire for only truth, he begs to suggest a more scientific method for getting at the truth than a baseball game with balls of mud flung rather than batted.

Hardly a paragraph in the account but what contains several items, any one of which could readily disprove the "He," and every one of which is in the family's power to bring forth as a crushing reply to those deluded folk who are so ready to believe it.

(1) Was there, or was there not, a contemporary of Darwin's last days by the appellation of Lady Hope?

(2) If there was, was Lady Hope, or was she not, an acquaintance of Darwin?

(3) If she was, was she, or was she not, a caller at Darwin's house?

(4) Was Charles Darwin, or was he not, bedridden for some months before he died?

(5) If he was, was he, or was he not, wearing a soft embroidered dressing gown of rather rich purple shade?

(6) Could Darwin, or could he not, be so propped up by pillows as to be gazing out on a far-stretching scene of woods and cornfields? Were there, or were there not, any such in sight from his deathbed?

(7) Was he, or was he not, in the habit of waving his hand on a sunny afternoon to point out to visitors the scene beyond? Did, or did not, at least the sense of nature's beauty stay with him after he had lost by his own confession his early sense of other beauties (because of devoting himself to worms and apes instead)?

(8) Did he, or did he not, keep a Bible by him at all during his last illness, and did, or did he not, read therein?

(9) Did, or did he not, have a summer house in his garden which held about thirty people? Could, or could it not, be pointed at through the open window?

(10) Did, or did he not, have servants on the place and some tenants, who with a few neighbors would make up the thirty in that summer house?

(11) Was, or was not, this summer house near enough for him to be able to hear the singing of hymns suggested by him?

V.

We might properly conclude our reference to the subject at this point, but just as we decided to do so, another interesting letter came from Mr. Frodsham. He had been reading the *Life of J. W. C. Fegan* (Marshall, Morgan and Scott, London), a man who launched out in faith "to be a guide, counselor and friend to the child-Ishmaels of the London slums." Fegan had a boys' home at Deptford, an orphanage at Stony Stratford, and Canadian distributing centers as monuments of his labors of years. On pages 29-31 of his *Life*, as recited in Mr. Frodsham's letter to us, it is stated that his parents had removed from New Cross to Downe in Kent, and that in the summer of 1880 (or 1881?) he took his boys there for a holiday, and thus became the pioneer of boys' camps. Mr. Frodsham quotes the book:

Before the boys returned to London they visited the home of Charles Darwin, who lived nearby, and sang hymns in front of the house. Mr. Darwin expressed his sympathy with the philanthropic work being done, and gave each of the boys sixpence, evoking ringing cheers as they departed. Services were also held in the district in a tent, and when it became too late for tent services, greatly daring, Mr. Fegan asked Mr. Darwin if he would lend him the reading room which he had established for the villagers, but which was very slightly frequented. It was, in fact, an old school room which he rented from Sir John Lubbock (afterwards Lord Avebury) for ten pounds a year. He lent it with pleasure, and, emboldened by his first success, Fegan wrote again, asking if he might have it for a week's mission, as it was so seldom used. He received the following answer from the great naturalist:

Dear Mr. Fegan:

"You ought not to have to write to me for permission to use the reading room. You have far more right to it than we have, for your services have done more for the village in a few months than all our efforts for many years. We have never been able to reclaim a drunkard, but through your services I do not know that there is a drunkard left in the village."

"Now may I have the pleasure of handing the reading room over to you? Perhaps, if we should want it some night for a special purpose, you will be good enough to let us use it."

"Yours sincerely,

"CHARLES DARWIN"

The transfer was made, and in that reading room, now called "The Gospel Room," services have been held continuously for half a century. Mr. Fegan has left the following memoranda on the subject, which may perhaps be given here.

"The services I held were attended sometimes by members of the Darwin family, and regularly by members of their household. Indeed, when I had a mission in Downe, the Darwin family

were considerate enough to alter their dinner hour so that their household might attend—but this was characteristic of all who served them. At the services, Parslow, the old family butler, whose name is mentioned both by Huxley and Wallace, was converted to God and brought into church membership, also Mrs. Sales, the housekeeper, was brought into the light, and others."

In *Emma Darwin: a Century of Family Letters, 1792-1896*, edited by her daughter, Mrs. Litchfield, there is a letter written to her daughter from Downe in February, 1881, in which there is a sentence and a footnote referring to the village blacksmith, a great character.

"Hurrah for Mr. Fegan! Mrs. Evans (her old housekeeper) attended a prayer meeting in which old M. made 'as nice a prayer as ever you heard in your life.'" And then in a footnote this: "Old M. was a notable old drunkard, in the village of Downe, converted through Mr. Fegan, 1881."—Moody Monthly.

OVER THE TOP FOR JESUS

KENNEDY, Ala.—I am praising God today for salvation and for the joybells of heaven ringing in my soul. I am glad to know that we have an inheritance into the great Kingdom of God. The Y.P.E. at this place is moving on fine. Our president is a good leader and is doing her best for God. We have thirty-two members on roll and are on a forward march. We realize if we march at God's orders and His command we can say from the depths of our hearts, "Over the top for Jesus."

On Aug. 19th, a revival started here with Brother Colon Dunn in charge. There were two saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, several backsliders reclaimed and three added to the church. Many souls were made to rejoice. Brother Dunn surely was at his best as the wonderful messages of God went forth. People were held spellbound. His good singing, prayers, the good instructions, his encouraging words, his love and kindness shown to every one were enjoyed and appreciated by all. He surely is one of God's anointed ones. We all love him and give him a hearty welcome here again.

Sister Etta Newman is our leader. She is faithful, has stood by the church, and done her best for God and His work.—Mrs. W. M. Newman and Lennie Newman.

SPECIAL

GREAT FALLS, S. C.—The Lord blessed us at Great Falls Christmas week. Brothers Levy Miller and Taylor spent the week with us. Brother McAbee was with us one night. We don't know how to praise the Lord for His wonderful blessings. Ten souls were saved, twelve sanctified, nine filled with the blessed Holy Ghost, and six added to the church.—Yours under the blood, T. V. McCormick, pastor.

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SPECIALS

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at Rock Creek. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing and had a good time. The revival spirit is still in our midst. We all surely love our pastor and his wife. Pray for the church here and for our family to stand true.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Garfield Markland.

ALBANY, Ga.—Our Sunday School has increased from thirty to eighty-eight since I have been here and the church is growing fast. There is a good spirit among the members, for which we are thankful. We have just closed our district convention. We had a wonderful time in the Lord. Brother Culpepper was with us and preached some wonderful sermons. There is a good revival spirit there and if some good Church of God minister feels like coming and running a revival, let us hear from you at once. There is plenty of work to do in this district. Remember Albany in your prayers.—Your brother in Christ, J. R. Sanders, district overseer, 242 E. Broad St., E. Albany, Ga. (Brother A. T. Williams, clerk, reports that they appreciate their pastor, Brother J. R. Sanders, and that on Dec. 31 four received the Holy Ghost there; others were saved and sanctified.)

WILMINGTON, N. C.—Our service Sunday before Christmas was one of the sweetest services I was ever in. I thank God for the church here and one of the finest Sunday Schools in the city. We have a good Sunday School superintendent and also a good pastor, Brother G. C. Hamby. I thank God for the way the young people are taking an interest in the Y. P. E. work. Pray for us. Our revival will start in a few weeks and we desire your prayers that lost boys and girls will give their hearts to God.—A sister, Harlee Benson.

BROOKSVILLE, Ind.—Brother Raymond Hughes of Cincinnati, O. has just closed a revival here and with the help of God has gained the church back. Nine were saved and two prayed thru to the blessing. God is blessing at this place. Pray for us to continue on in the faith.—A sister.

FT. WORTH, Tex.—Brother Chambers conducted a two weeks' revival here recently. Ten received the Holy Ghost and thirteen came into the church. One received the Holy Ghost as she was coming into the church. We praise God for the revival. God is blessing us so much. We started on our general indebtedness quota on Tuesday and on Sunday we had the full amount. Thank the Lord for His blessings.—J. C. Thompson, clerk, 1306 Circle Park Blvd.

RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky.—I went to an old church house, having sent word that I would be there Dec. 12. For about a week it rained but the people came out. The meeting ran two weeks. The preacher

with whom I worked was sanctified but he received the Holy Ghost. Nine were saved and six baptized in water on Christmas Eve. The people seem to be looking toward the Church of God. Please pray that I may stand true to the great Church of God.—A humble brother, George Lee Cravens, Rt. 2.

SHOOTING CREEK, N. C.—We have only twenty-nine members here but we surely love the Lord and are doing business for Him. The C. of G. Y. P. E. is working hard to plant seed in the hearts of young and old. The little folks are taking a part. Our Christmas exercises were much enjoyed. We are now building a seven room parsonage which we hope to have ready by February 1st. We hope to be ready by spring to take care of conventions in our district. We are praying and asking every one to pray for us that the Lord will give us a soul stirring revival this year. The interest is increasing and we are getting protection and help thru the good officers of our county. We are thankful for all these good blessings.—Lon Price, pastor.

EVARTS, Ky.—We thank God for the wonderful service we had at Evarts Christmas Day. The power of God fell and there was crying, laughing, dancing and speaking in tongues. Pray that God will give us an interpreter so that we may know of His messages. That day will not soon be forgotten because the power of the Lord was so great that sinners cried and thanked God and asked for prayer. Brother E. D. Johnson is our pastor and we thank God for him.—Your humble sister, Martha Dobbin, Tways, Ky.

COCONUT GROVE, Fla.—We extend a note of praise to our Lord for His great all-sufficient care. God is blessing us. Sunday was a day of great blessing at our local church. The Lord's Supper and

feet washing were observed. Before this, however, we raised our entire quota for both camp ground indebtedness and general indebtedness at Headquarters. We also had watch night service. God melted our hearts together in unity. We are pressing the battle in Jesus' name. Pray for us.—Your sister in Jesus, Mrs. R. E. Lowry.

BLOSSOM, Tex.—Watch night service at the Church of God here was seemingly a success. Many souls were made to rejoice because of the presence of the Lord. The Lord's Supper and feet washing were observed. The last prayer, a consecration prayer, was most dear to the writer. To think that we are entering a new year, and oh, the need of the hour, should make any one want to get closer to God, which we can do by deeper consecration. Pray for the church at Blossom and remember the little bashful preacher and his wife.—John H. Moore, Box 384.

PONTIAC, Mich.—On Sunday, Dec. 10, we had a Sunday School home coming here. We were glad to have our quartet with us again and they rendered a few songs. Brother Spencer Barnard took the service over then and the Lord blessed him. We usually do have wonderful services when we have an all-day meeting and this one was surely up to our expectations. At the end of the morning service Brother C. R. Cook, pastor, suggested a general handshake and the Lord came down and we all had a wonderful time. Brother Alfred G. Lowe had charge of the afternoon service and his message was especially good. Brother Cook preached at the evening service. Pontiac is still doing business for our blessed, soon-coming Lord and Master.—Ethel King.

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To whom it may concern: My address is changed from Melrose, N. Mex. to Rt. 3, Brownfield Texas.—Reuben H. Martin

I would like to have some Holy Ghost filled Church of God young man preacher, musician or one who leads singing to travel with me thruout the state of Alabama in revival and Y. P. E. work. If you are interested and willing to pray and hold on to God, pray about this and write me for particulars at once.—Ernest M. Smith, 716 First St., Pratt City, Ala., Y. P. E. Supt. of Alabama.

REQUESTS

I thank the Lord for what He is to me tonight. I thank Him for His power to heal, and I am asking you to pray that the Lord may heal me of a nervous defect in my hand and arm. Please pray also for my lost boy, that he might be saved and be a man for God.—A sister Mrs. Z. V. King, Kannapolis, N. C.

Dear saints, please pray for the healing of my body. I have heart trouble and the doctors have given me up. I have only one hope and that is that God can heal.—Daisy Collins, Seco, Ky.

Please pray for the people of my community and pray for me that I may stand the tests and go deeper with the Lord.—Ralph Lance, Dawsonville, Ga., Rt. 2.

Please pray for God to heal my little girl's feet. She has a breaking out on them and they are so sore she can hardly walk at times. We are trusting God. She has been healed twice of typhoid fever, for which we thank the Lord. She looks frail and isn't very strong so please pray for her. Also pray for my oldest daughter and her baby to be healed. Pray that our faith won't be shaken.—A humble sister, Mrs. Myrtle Bruff, Box 113A, Rt. 2, Truman, Ark.

Please pray for my little boy. He had a fall about three months ago and is now beginning to have hard fits. Pray for my husband and me for if it is anything on our part, we want the Lord to show us. Pray that I will be sanctified and receive the Holy Ghost.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. J. C. Clinton, Sweetwater, Tex.

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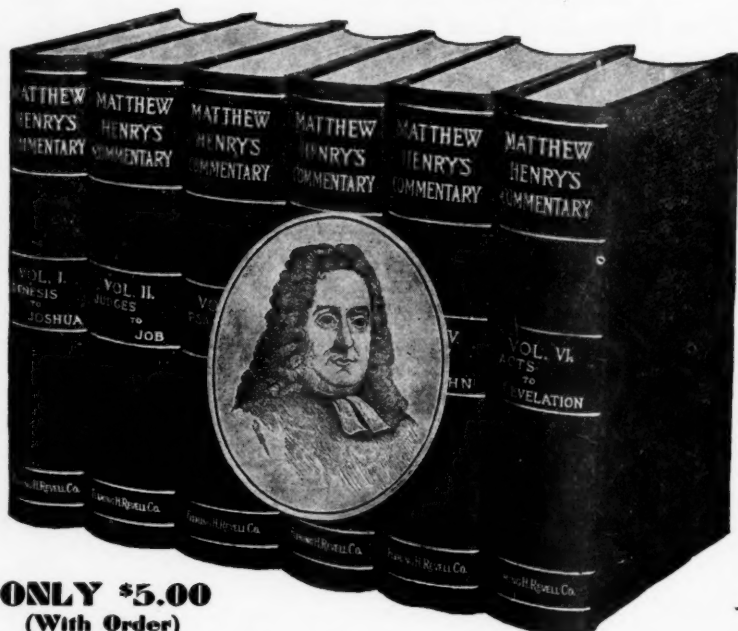
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